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11. (previously presented) A cutting plate comprising:

an upper side;
a first clamping trough for clamping in a cutting tool;
a cutting edge for metal-removing processing;
a second clamping trough arranged coaxially with respect to the first clamping trough,
wherein said first clamping trough is arranged so that it is deeper than the second
clamping trough and both said first clamping trough and said second clamping trough are
arranged so that they are deeper than said cutting-plate upper side, wherein a trough shape of the
second clamping trough forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side.

12. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein the trough
shape of at least one of said first or second clamping troughs is round, oval, angular, polygonal
or star-shaped.

13. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein a trough
shape of said first clamping trough forms a surface that is parallel to said cutting-plate upper side
or is formed so that it is trough-shaped.

14. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 12, wherein a trough
shape of said first clamping trough forms a surface that is parallel to said cutting-plate upper side
or is formed so that it is trough-shaped.

15. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 13, wherein an elevation
is arranged in the first clamping trough.

16. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein an

elevation is arranged in the first clamping trough.

17. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round.

18. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is oval.

19. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein an elevation is arranged in the center of the first clamping trough.

20. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round.

21. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round.

22. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 16, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round.

23. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 12, having an elevation in the center of the first clamping trough that is annular.

24. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 13, having an elevation in the center of the first clamping trough that is annular.

25. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 16, wherein the elevation is annular.

26. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein the elevation is annular.

27. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 22, having an elevation in the center of the first clamping trough that is annular.

28. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 14, having an elevation in the center of the first clamping trough that is annular.

29. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

30. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 12, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

31. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 13, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

32. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

33. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

34. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 16, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

35. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 17, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

36. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 18, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

37. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 19, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

38. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 20, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

39. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 21, wherein said cutting

plate comprises a ceramic material.

40. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 22, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

41. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 23, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

42. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 24, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

43. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 25, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

44. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 26, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

45. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 27, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

46. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 28, wherein said cutting plate comprises a ceramic material.

47. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

48. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 12, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

49. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 13, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

50. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

51. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

52. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 16, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

53. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 17, whercin said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

54. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 18, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

55. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 19, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

56. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 20, whercin said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

57. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 21, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

58. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 22, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

59. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 23, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

60. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 24, whercin said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

61. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 25, whercin said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

62. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 26, wherein said cutting

plate is an indexable cutting plate.

63. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 27, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

64. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 28, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

65. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 29, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

66. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein said first and said second clamping troughs have been introduced during production by a pressing process.

67. (currently amended) A cutting tool comprising a cutting plate according to claim 11 and a clamp a clamping claw to hold said cutting plate by securing the cutting plate in at least the first clamping trough of the cutting plate.

68. (previously presented) A cutting plate comprising:
an upper side;
a cutting edge;
a first clamping trough in said upper side;
an elevation in said first clamping trough;
a second clamping trough arranged coaxially with respect to the first clamping trough;
wherein said first clamping trough is arranged deeper than the second clamping trough,
and both said first and said second clamping troughs are arranged below the upper side.

69. (previously presented) The cutting plate of claim 68, wherein said elevation is arranged in the center of the first clamping trough.

70. (previously presented) The cutting plate of claim 68 comprising a ceramic

material.

71. (previously presented)The cutting plate of claim 69 comprising a ceramic material.